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For: METHOD OF SEPARATING PARTICLES IN A FLUID MEDIUM AND AN
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Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified
application as follows:IN THE CLAIMS:a1
2 4. (Amended) Method according to claim 1, characterized in that the fluid
medium is an aqueous medium.1 6. (Amended) Method according to claim 4, characterized in that the
aqueous medium has a temperature of about 0°C.
a21 7. (Amended) Method according to claim 1, characterized in that separate
2 discharge-facilitating particles are present in the fluid medium.1 9. (Amended) Method according to claim 1, characterized in that the
2 barrier for restraining the particles is an element provided in the separation chamber.a3
1 10. (Amended) Method according to claim 1, characterized in that the
2 element for restraining the particles comprises passages for the passage of the fluid
3 medium.